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Interview of: CAPTAIN SUDHIR AGRAWAL

Bayonne, New Jersey

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- 2 MR. JONES: My name is Rob Jones with the National
- 3 Transportation Safety Board. We're here today to investigate
- 4 the accident, the New Delhi Express, and we're interviewing the
- 5 Master of the vessel, Captain Sudhir --
- 6 CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: Agrawal.
- 7 MR. JONES: Agrawal, and we'll get the spelling for
- 8 that. With us is Lieutenant Cobb representing the U.S. Coast
- 9 Guard, and Steve Siler (ph.) with the U.S. Coast Guard and --
- 10 MR. KRAMMER: David Krammer (ph.) --
- MR. JONES: David --
- MR. KRAMMER: From Seaspan.
- MR. JONES: From Seaspan. Captain, I'd like to just
- 14 let you know that you are entitled to representation before we
- 15 proceed and do you have representation with you?
- 16 CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: This is Michael --
- 17 MR. JONES: Okay.
- 18 Okay. And before we start off, I'd just like to get
- 19 some background information on you.
- 20 CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: Okay.
- 21 INTERVIEW OF CAPTAIN SUDHIR AGRAWAL
- 22 BY MR. JONES:
- 23 Q. Where did you receive your training and your license?
- 24 A. I received my training on the training ship TS
- 25 Rajendra that was in Bombay from 1974 to 1976.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. And subsequent to that I joined the Scindia Steam
- 3 Navigation Company and then --
- Q. Can you -- I'm sorry, with the air and you're
- 5 speaking a little low. Can you speak up a little louder?
- 6 A. Okay. I did my training on the TS Rajendra, the
- 7 training ship Rajendra at Bombay Harbor and from 1974 to 1976.
- 8 From 1976 onwards I was a cadet with the Scindia Steam
- 9 Navigation Company, Bombay, and I received my licenses from
- 10 India, all of my licenses starting from Second Mates to Chief
- 11 Mate to Masters. I got my Masters at the beginning of 1986, or
- 12 '85 and if I went it was given in 1986, and I hold the Hong
- 13 Kong Flag endorsement for the flag state.
- Q. Okay. And have you been Sailing Master all that time
- 15 since --
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. -- '85?
- 18 A. No. No, I have not been Sailing Master since then,
- 19 but my actual, from the time I became Master in 1994 I became a
- 20 Master.
- Q. And how long have you been with this company?
- 22 A. It's almost three years.
- Q. Three years?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Can I just interrupt a second?

- 1 This company used to be CP, recently taking over --
- 2 MR. JONES: Okay.
- 3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- other interests.
- 4 MR. JONES: Okay.
- 5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's the --
- 6 MR. JONES: Okay. Let me just pause it here for --
- 7 (Off the record.)
- 8 (On the record.)
- 9 MR. JONES: All right. Continue with the interview.
- 10 BY MR. JONES:
- 11 Q. All right. So, three years with this company under
- 12 its previous name as CP and --
- 13 A. No. This company has been Seaspan. I've been
- 14 working for Seaspan --
- 15 Q. Oh, Seaspan.
- 16 A. -- Department 3. This ship is chartered to CP Ships.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Which has gone to -- That's a different issue, but I
- 19 still work for Seaspan.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. And then before this there was some CSC named ships
- 22 which were charted from CSC, and that's China Shipping Lines --
- Q. Right.
- 24 A. Under Seaspan. All the time -- all this time it has
- 25 been Seaspan.

- 1 Q. Okay. All right. And have you been into this harbor
- 2 before, Captain?
- 3 A. Yes. I have been a couple of times before on one of
- 4 the Seaspan vessels under the name CSC Odalian (ph.) and the
- 5 same under the Bayonne Bridge, going to the same terminal.
- 6 Q. Can you estimate how many times through that you've
- 7 gone the same route that you took during the day of the
- 8 accident?
- 9 A. On the CSC Odalian I have been twice, at least. It
- 10 may have been three times. I do not recall that. On this
- 11 ship, this is the fourth time since delivery. I took delivery
- 12 of this vessel.
- 13 O. Okay.
- 14 A. And this is the fourth time that I have crossed the
- 15 Bayonne Bridge.
- 16 O. So --
- 17 A. That's inbound.
- 18 Q. So, approximately half a dozen times --
- 19 A. Yes, that's right.
- 20 Q. -- and as Master?
- A. As Master, yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. All right. What I'd like to ask you to do,
- 23 Captain, is just take us, and if you have log books, you can
- 24 reference them, but if -- just a generalization of when you
- 25 took arrival that morning.

- 1 A. Okay.
- Q. When the Sandy Hook Pilot came aboard, then the
- 3 Docking Master, and just run through that and then up to the
- 4 accident.
- 5 A. Okay. Let's start with the 14th of April. I'll give
- 6 you the details. You already have these details with you in
- 7 that log book.
- 8 0. Okay.
- 9 A. I had them put it down so you can extract from the
- 10 log book.
- 11 Q. All right. Just in your words --
- 12 A. Yes.
- 0. -- it doesn't have to be verbatim.
- 14 A. Okay. So, we did our control assessing as per C.F.R.
- 15 U.S. Coast Guard requirements on the 14th of April, at 1300 to
- 16 1350. We did the whole test. We stopped the vessel. We did
- 17 the stern movements and engine control, steering gear, and
- 18 everything else.
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. Then we picked up the Sandy Hook Pilot at 0210 on the
- 21 15th of April off Ambrose Light, that's where the pilot station
- 22 is, pilot go to station --
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. -- at 0210 on the 15th of April, now, all these
- 25 signings are for the 15th of April. On the same day at 0342 we

- 1 had Docking Pilot Captain J. Bates onboard, and Dock Pilot had
- 2 the con at approximately 0345. Then we had the docks coming in
- 3 at 0405. That was the first dock that we had which was passed
- 4 on the starboard side forward bay 17, 1-7.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. So -- and we still had the Sandy Hook Pilot Captain
- 7 Mr. Naples on board. It was Naples or Naples, spelling I do
- 8 not -- I'm not sure about.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Okay? And then we started coming into the Kill Van
- 11 Kull. That was this section, yes, this -- here, and just
- 12 before the bridge we had a sudden drop in the visibility. It
- 13 was almost zero. Then it lifted for a while. It was just
- 14 under the -- when we are approaching the bridge. The bridge
- 15 could be seen. The -- went away, could see the bridge and
- 16 again we lost it and it became zero again. Okay. And at this
- 17 point of time my air draft was 142; 142 was my air draft and
- 18 the pilot gave a hard port. He couldn't see anything at that
- 19 point in time. He couldn't see anything. And he rushed -- the
- 20 Sandy Hook Pilot rushed to the starboard side and the red buoy
- 21 is very close and that is -- and we started turning the boat.
- 22 We gave our engine movement. We started turning to port, hard
- 23 port he gave, and then subsequent to that he gave a hard
- 24 starboard to bring her back and we started listing pretty
- 25 heavily to starboard at that point in time and then we stopped

- 1 a couple of minutes. We listed to almost ten degree
- 2 subsequently. It began with a small five degree then it became
- 3 ten degree and then we had emergency stations and we started
- 4 transferring ballast to try to right her. -- was not for the
- 5 possibility of a -- because the -- had informed me that the
- 6 three or four starboard fueler tank was filling up pretty
- 7 rapidly. And -- call number four starboard tank at that time
- 8 was unpumpable fueler at that time. Which -- ordered the
- 9 soundings to be approximately two cubic meters in the tank, and
- 10 I reported the Coast Guard and I reported the owners and told
- 11 the owners who informed the rest of the people -- and
- 12 everything else. I in the meantime was just taking the actions
- 13 to try to right the ship. I -- some of the times. So --
- 14 Q. Okay. Okay. This is Rob Jones again. I'll start
- 15 asking a few questions just to kind of follow up with you
- 16 Captain. Okay. The -- how did the Docking Pilot get aboard?
- 17 A. He came aboard on a tug.
- 18 Q. On a tug?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did they come up pilot ladder or --
- 21 A. They came on the pilot ladder.
- Q. Not a straight ladder?
- 23 A. The pilot ladder.
- Q. Pilot ladder?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay. And you witnessed the change of the con so to
- 2 speak from the Sandy Hook Pilot to the Docking Pilot?
- 3 A. Yes. Yes.
- 4 O. So, you were sure at that time who had the con?
- 5 A. That's right.
- 6 Q. Okay. Did -- do you -- oh, we can go back on the
- 7 chart, but, 0345, I don't know if that was plotted on your --
- 8 okay. So, that's back, a little bit east of the Bergen Point
- 9 East Reach. Okay. And when the Docking Master took over, he
- 10 had okay visibility?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Or could you estimate the visibility?
- 13 A. Yeah, we could see all the lights, all the -- and --
- 14 Q. You could see the Bayonne Bridge at the time?
- 15 A. No, we could not. We were much ahead, you know. We
- 16 started turning later on.
- 17 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. Could you estimate about where you were when you lost
- 20 visibility with the Bayonne Bridge?
- 21 A. I would say about a mile, a mile and a half before
- 22 the Bayonne Bridge.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. Approximately.
- Q. All right. That's approximate. That's fine. Now,

- 1 where were you standing --
- 2 A. I was standing on the starboard side of the radar,
- 3 next to the radar, besides the radar is also the --.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Did you have any indication to where the ship was
- 7 headed? Were you comfortable with the ship being navigated
- 8 through the kill at that point?
- 9 A. Yeah, she was in the shallow at that time, yes.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Did you realize at any point that something was
- 13 different? That something might have been going wrong?
- 14 A. Well, we were trying to spot the buoy but when it
- 15 start -- visibility suddenly became too bad, then we just
- 16 couldn't spot the buoy and we were not able to get a very good
- 17 fix on the radar at that time.
- 18 O. Right.
- 19 A. So, the only thing is we just fixed a GPS position at
- 20 that time and went from there.
- 21 Q. Okay. Did you --
- 22 A. By that time when this happened, the Pilot ran on the
- 23 starboard side --
- 24 O. Okay.
- 25 A. -- and -- the Pilot.

- 1 Q. Could you ever see that 14 buoy?
- 2 A. I didn't see it myself.
- Q. Okay.
- 4 A. But the Sandy Hook Pilot came in and said okay, it
- 5 was too close to starboard side.
- 6 Q. Now, yeah, just to clarify, that was as it was going
- 7 by.
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Could you see it ahead at all or could anybody -- did
- 10 anybody mention that they could see it ahead before you passed
- 11 the bridge?
- 12 A. Before we passed the bridge?
- 13 Q. Before you passed the Bayonne Bridge --
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. -- could you see the 14?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Nobody reported any.
- 19 Q. Could you see it on radar?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Do you remember --
- 22 A. You couldn't see it on radar.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. No.
- Q. All right. What was your ship speed at about that

- 1 time?
- 2 A. I think it was approximately five plus, five plus
- 3 knots. Just about 0.5 knots, yeah.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Do you know what bell you were on at the time? Slow
- 7 ahead, dead slow?
- 8 A. We were at dead slow at that time. We were not
- 9 doing -- dead slow as far as I recall. That's what I recall,
- 10 sir.
- 11 Q. Okay. And at this point you said you were about
- 12 starboard radar?
- 13 A. Yes, I was starboard.
- Q. Okay. Is that your ten centimeter or --
- 15 A. Yeah, yeah, ten centimeter.
- 16 O. Starboard is ten --
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 O. -- and the port is a three?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. That's right.
- Q. And Helmsman at the wheel?
- 23 A. Helmsman the wheel, Second Mate at the telegraph --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- and at the, on the -- once we got the clearances.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. And --
- 3 Q. So, the Docking Master was giving any telegraph
- 4 orders to the Second Mate?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And any rudder orders to the Helmsman?
- 7 A. That's right.
- 8 Q. Okay. Do you remember what the last course he had
- 9 given, the Docking Master?
- 10 A. See, when you are entering the channel at that time,
- 11 you don't really go particular heading, you say okay, 269, or
- 12 270, so to port 5, to starboard 5, that's what I recall then.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. You just try to position the vessel.
- 15 Q. So, you're steering with a rudder?
- 16 A. Yeah. We're steering the rudder.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Yeah.
- 19 Q. And the Docking Master, was he looking at the radar?
- 20 A. Yes, he was also looking at the radar. He was also
- 21 in a symmetrical position on the port side.
- 22 Q. Okay. At the time that you passed under the bridge?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. So, he's in the port radar, the Sandy Hook Pilot is
- 25 at the starboard radar?

- 1 A. No, Sandy Hook Pilot was close to him. It was just
- 2 next to him.
- 3 Q. But over on the port side.
- 4 A. Over on the port side.
- 5 Q. And you're in the starboard radar.
- 6 A. I was in the starboard --
- Q. Okay.
- 8 A. -- that's right.
- 9 Q. And, Captain, when -- at the first point that you
- 10 felt the vessel start to go aground --
- 11 A. Um-hum.
- 12 Q. -- was it very noticeable to you?
- 13 A. See, the first point I noticed was the ship started
- 14 listing --
- MR. THOMPSON: Excuse me.
- 16 CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: -- nothing --
- MR. THOMPSON: Excuse me, Mr. Jones, this is Mike --.
- 18 Captain, you need to let Mr. Jones --
- 19 (Off the record.)
- 20 (On the record.)
- MR. JONES: Okay. We're back on with the interview.
- 22 CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: Can you give me the last question
- 23 again?
- 24 BY MR. JONES:
- Q. I think I had asked what was your first indication

- 1 when the vessel hit bottom? You just -- could you feel it hit?
- 2 Did you know for sure you hit bottom? Did the vessel stop
- 3 immediately?
- 4 A. Okay. See, like I said, I did not -- the first
- 5 indication I had something was going wrong was when she started
- 6 listing to starboard. So, I didn't really feel anything that
- 7 she hit something or grounded somewhere at that time, but she
- 8 started heeling and heeling pretty fast and my whole
- 9 concentration went on that why she's heeling and there after a
- 10 couple of minutes or maybe just very shortly after she stopped
- 11 at -- we stopped the engines and she stopped and she just kept
- 12 listing when -- we stopped.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Okay.
- Q. Was this after the hard port rudder?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. After the hard port and when she started the -- was
- 19 given to hard starboard thereafter.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. Yes, that's right.
- Q. All right. That's all I have for right now, Captain.
- 23 LT. COBB: This is Lieutenant Cobb with the Coast
- 24 Guard Sector in New York.
- 25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Lieutenant Cobb.

- 1 LT. COBB: Cobb.
- 2 (Off the record.)
- 3 (On the record.)
- 4 LT. COBB: This is Lieutenant Cobb with the Coast
- 5 Guard Sector in New York.
- 6 BY LT. COBB:
- 7 O. Captain, I just missed a little bit of the
- 8 maneuvering as you were coming up towards the bridge. Could
- 9 you go over that again? Some of the -- before you got to the
- 10 bridge and were in the fog, the courses that you were steering
- 11 and, I mean, if you can start where you -- just prior to you
- 12 losing the visibility of the bridge.
- 13 A. You see like I told Captain Jones, when you're in a
- 14 narrow channel like this, what happened and what really is done
- 15 is that okay, you give a L to port. You go by rudder and then
- 16 okay the pilot says steady. At that point of time the Helmsman
- 17 says, okay, course is so much and we are steady on this. So, I
- 18 do not recall what courses were there but we were in the
- 19 channel.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- 21 A. So, then again you give hard starboard five or
- 22 starboard ten again starboard because it's a little, you know,
- 23 baby channel.
- 24 O. Um-hum.
- 25 A. It's not a straight channel. So, that's how it went.

- 1 Q. Okay. You mentioned that there was a hard starboard
- 2 command given and that --
- 3 A. Yes. One hard port command was given when all this
- 4 thing happened about okay, we see a red buoy close by.
- 5 Q. Okay. There was --
- 6 A. Then a hard port was given and then subsequent to
- 7 that a hard starboard was given. That is the time I started
- 8 sensing that she's -- has a -- leaning to -- tending to list to
- 9 starboard and then she listed four degrees, five degrees, to
- 10 ten degrees. Then I got a report from the engine room stating
- 11 that we are filling in number four fueler tank starboard.
- 12 Q. Now, that sequence of commands --
- 13 A. Um-hum.
- 14 Q. -- in relationship to the bridge, do you know where
- 15 that sequence of commands --
- 16 A. I don't recall but it was very close to the bridge,
- 17 very, very close. It would be just there and I don't exactly,
- 18 I mean, get into records -- records.
- 19 Q. And at this particular time the -- I believe you said
- 20 the Docking Pilot was the one issuing the commands?
- 21 A. That's right. That's right. Like I said, we had
- 22 a -- the air draft of 142 foot.
- 23 Q. Um-hum.
- A. It's 138 here and 151 at that same --. Our draft was
- 25 11.34 or 11.904 over this whole photograph.

- 1 Q. And then you -- after passing the bridge, the hard
- 2 starboard then the hard -- or the hard port and then the hard
- 3 starboard command and then you said you -- the engines were
- 4 shut down and then you came to a rest?
- 5 A. We were still moving at that time. While we were
- 6 listing we were still moving.
- 7 O. Okay.
- 8 A. And then 420 they made -- to stop and that's the time
- 9 I felt that we have touched.
- 10 Q. The engines were directed to be stopped?
- 11 A. Yes. It was in dead slow and stop --
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. -- stop.
- Q. Who gave that command?
- 15 A. The pilot gave and I --
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you know where you came to the stop
- 17 approximately?
- 18 A. We have a position here somewhere --
- 19 Q. So, this is pretty accurate to where you came to a --
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. -- to the stop?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Now, did you come to stop because touching the bottom
- 24 or did you --
- 25 A. Yeah, I sensed she touched the bottom because she was

- 1 heeling also so we had to stop the engines anyway.
- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. Because she's filling up so fast that I can't be
- 4 moving at a speed, you know, at that time. And the Third Mate
- 5 reported from after that there's a green buoy passing very
- 6 close to the port quarter.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. And the --
- 10 A. -- there a buoy on the starboard side so we found a
- 11 green buoy passing very close to the starboard side.
- 12 Q. Now, do you -- there's two buoys right here.
- 13 There's --
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. -- the green E-buoy in the center of the channel and
- 16 then the 15 Buoy.
- 17 A. That's right. So, he saw a buoy. He does -- the
- 18 green buoy passing on the port quarter.
- 19 O. Okay.
- 20 A. And then the Pilot asks me, Captain, can you see a
- 21 buoy on the starboard side. So I saw a buoy passing very close
- 22 to the starboard side, that's a green buoy.
- Q. When was the -- do you know what -- or, let me back
- 24 up. The radar error on your radar assist?
- 25 A. It's .4 or .5 --

- 1 Q. And that's on the three centimeter?
- 2 A. Oh, I'm sorry, sorry. What are you talking --
- Q. Radar error, is there --
- A. No, radar error was not, the gyro error I'm talking.
- 5 Q. You got gyro error.
- 6 A. Yeah. So, there was no radar error.
- 7 O. There is no radar error?
- 8 A. No radar error.
- 9 Q. Okay. So, and the gyro was?
- 10 A. .5
- 11 Q. .5.
- 12 A. .5, yes.
- 13 Q. Which direction?
- 14 A. High. High.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 LT. COBB: And that's all I have right now. I just
- 17 had a couple of real quick questions there.
- 18 MR. JONES: Okay.
- 19 BY MR. JONES:
- 20 Q. Actually, this is Rob Jones again, Lieutenant Cobb
- 21 got one of my questions with the gyro error. Was it east or
- 22 west?
- 23 A. No, high is -- is high means you have to subtract
- 24 that. On gyro it is high and low.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. Yeah. So you have to use that to get the gyro.
- 2 That --
- 3 Q. All right.
- 4 A. --.
- 5 Q. Did the Pilots, either Sandy Hook or the Docking
- 6 Master make any mention to you about any problems with your
- 7 gyro?
- 8 A. Nothing.
- 9 Q. Okay. Any problems with the radar?
- 10 A. Nothing.
- 11 Q. Any comments at all about the ship's equipment --
- 12 A. Nothing.
- Q. -- as they were under -- en route?
- 14 A. Nothing. Nothing at all.
- 15 Q. Okay. Captain, when you feel you came to rest,
- 16 the -- what heading was the ship on at this position, that 0422
- 17 position? What was the heading of the vessel?
- 18 A. I don't remember that heading. I have the records
- 19 here.
- 20 Q. Okay. We can look at the records then. Okay. To
- 21 the west, to the north, just any cardinal point?
- 22 A. I think --
- Q. Just not exactly --
- 24 A. -- it was to the south of west, the heading.
- Q. Okay. South of west.

- 1 A. Yeah --
- 2 Q. 245-ish? Okay.
- 3 A. South of west.
- 4 Q. Okay. As you approached the Bayonne Bridge --
- 5 A. Um-hum.
- 6 Q. -- and the visibility reduced --
- 7 A. Um-hum.
- 8 Q. -- and the Sandy Hook Pilot was -- what was he doing
- 9 along -- even though you mentioned the Docking Master was at
- 10 the con, what was the Sandy Hook Pilot doing in relation to the
- 11 event?
- 12 A. He was --
- 13 O. Besides --
- 14 A. -- every talking once in a while but what they were
- 15 talking was out of my ear, hearing.
- 16 O. Yeah.
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 O. Was he giving any advice, distance off, speed,
- 19 anything with relation to the radar?
- 20 A. Yeah, I think he was helping him out but like I said,
- 21 I don't recall exactly what he said.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. He was saying general impressions.
- Q. Did you feel they were working together or was it
- 25 really just the Docking Master that had the control and the con

- 1 of the vessel?
- 2 A. The Docking Master had the control and he was not, I
- 3 mean, that kind of -- there was -- okay, you got this or you
- 4 got that.
- Q. Okay.
- 6 A. --. The Docking Master had it.
- 7 Q. All right. Captain, I don't have anything else right
- 8 now. What I'd like to do is --
- 9 MR. JONES: If Lieutenant Cobb doesn't have
- 10 anything --
- 11 LT. COBB: No.
- 12 BY MR. JONES:
- 13 Q. I'll give him the offer just to come in at the end
- 14 here if he does think of something, but for the time being,
- 15 what we like to do at the end of an interview like this is give
- 16 the interviewee their opportunity to, if there's anything they
- 17 thought of through the course of the event that could have been
- 18 done differently.
- 19 A. No, what I mean is, okay, what I forgot or what --
- 20 Q. Well, if you've got something to add right now or
- 21 just as a recommendation. If there's something that speaks to
- 22 you early on here in this -- in the course of this event that
- 23 you might have seen differently now that could have helped this
- 24 from occurring, we give you that opportunity to say something.
- 25 A. No, I don't think so. I think I, I mean, I'm not

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saying it just because of, you know, I was the Master there,
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    but I don't think anything different could have been done at
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 3
    that point.
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              Okay. All right.
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              MR. JONES: Lieutenant Cobb?
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              LT. COBB: No, I have nothing else.
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              MR. JONES: All right, Captain, that's all. That's
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    all I have from you.
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              CAPTAIN AGRAWAL: Can I -- okay.
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              (Whereupon, the interview in the above-entitled
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    matter was concluded.)
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